

May 10th, 2019

Dear Student:

Welcome to the Grizzly Nation! I am so happy that you have signed up to be in AP[®] European History for the 2019-2020 school year. This year we are going to explore European History from 1450 to the present focusing on political, social, economic, and cultural history. We are also going to work on developing various writing, reading, and note-taking skills that will not only help you in this class but other AP[®] and college level classes as well. We will spend the year learning the content and developing the skills that will prepare you to take the AP[®] European History Exam on May 6th, 2020.

In order to start the year off on the right foot by having some background knowledge that will help you with this course I am offering an extra credit summer essays opportunity. You can choose to write one of the essays, both of the essays, or you don't have to write either of the essays...it's all up to you! The essays will be due on the second day of class, August 24th, 2019. Here are the essay questions:

Essay Question 1

Evaluate the extent to which ancient Greece and ancient Rome were both similar and different with regards to religion, government organization, and artistic expression.

Essay Question 2

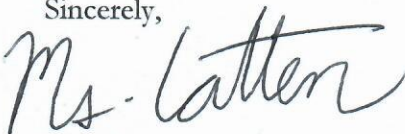
Evaluate the extent to which the Middle Ages and the Italian Renaissance were both similar and different with regards to social structures, government organization, and artistic expression.

You can write these essays using pen and paper or you can type them and share them with me at mckenzie.catten@jordandistrict.org. These are not research papers, although if you don't know anything about these subjects you may have to do some research. Although I do not have a length requirement, I would like you to write these in a five paragraph essay format with an intro paragraph, three body paragraphs, and concluding paragraph. You do not have to have a citation page.

Also, don't forget what you've learned in Geography this year because you will be taking a Europe Map Quiz on the second day of class, August 24th. (Don't stress too much, I'll let you retake it if you don't like your score.)

I look forward to meeting you in the fall! Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,



Ms. Catten
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